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Case 8622

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of
Klofta et al. :
Serial No. 09/898,880 : Group Art Unit: 1616
Filed: July 3, 2001 : Examiner: Konata M. George
Confirmation No. 2203

Title: FILM-FORMING COMPOSITIONS FOR PROTECTING SKIN FROM BODY FLUIDS
AND ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM

REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continuing examination of the present application in view of the accompanying amendments and remarks

The Notice of Appeal filed on November 7, 2002, is hereby withdrawn.

A three-months extension of time is requested in the accompanying Transmittal Form.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) A disposable absorbent article having a film-forming composition disposed on at least a skin-contacting surface of the absorbent article, wherein the composition is substantially anhydrous and is solid or semi-solid at room temperature, the composition comprises:
- a. from about 1 to about 80 wt% of a skin conditioning agent selected from the group consisting of petroleum-based emollients; fatty acid esters; polysiloxanes; polyol polyesters; esters or ethers of polyhydroxy alcohols; fatty alcohol esters of polyprotic acids; animal oils, fats, and their derivatives; vegetable oils, hydrogenated vegetable oils,

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